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ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS
Mayor

Dear Friend of the Southwest Waterfront,

The Southwest Waterfront is one of Washington's truly special places. Since our city's early years it has been a center of waterfront commerce and maritime activity. Today it remains one of the few places in our city where people still live, work, play and shop on the waterfront.

When standing on the 10th Street Overlook it is easy to observe all that makes Southwest a great neighborhood – the boat traffic in the Washington Channel, the bustle of the Fish Wharf and waterfront restaurants, and people making their home by and on the water. From this vantage point, however, you also see the neighborhood's potential to be so much more. Much of the area is dominated by surface parking, while highways and service roads create barriers that separate the community from the waterfront.

Over the past two years more than 600 residents and business owners have come together with urban planners and city officials to envision how the Southwest Waterfront could be brought to its full potential. This plan is the result of that collaboration.

The document includes two complementary elements – the Southwest Development Plan and the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Southwest Vision. The development plan identifies near term opportunities the District and the National Capital Revitalization Corporation can pursue with real estate that is already in public ownership. It describes how we can enliven the neighborhood with new places and promenades, create new places to live along the water, and attract more shops and restaurants to better serve our residents and visitors to the city. The plan calls for over 800 new housing units with 20 percent affordable to lower income families. The waterfront redevelopment will create 3,000 construction jobs, 1,500 permanent jobs, \$9 million in annual tax revenue and nearly \$2 million in one-time taxes during construction.

The Southwest Vision outlines the long term transformation of this area only achievable with the participation of the Federal Government. The Vision demonstrates how we can better connect the waterfront to the City's monumental core. Key components of the Vision include a transportation center and museums of national significance at the 10th Street Overlook and the relocation of the tour boats away from existing residential areas to the northern end of the Washington Channel.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have worked so hard to complete this plan – the National Capital Revitalization Corporation, the District of Columbia Office of Planning, our Federal Partners, and most of all the citizens of Southwest – your participation and enthusiasm in this planning process has been unprecedented. This document, however, is not the end of the process – it is the beginning. Our collaboration must continue so that this vision becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Williams





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A Vision For the Southwest Waterfront

The Vision for the Southwest Waterfront involves creating a true urban waterfront where commercial, cultural, residential and neighborhood life can come together. This Vision promotes the maritime legacy of the Washington Channel as a premier destination for local residents and regional and national visitors alike. A network of grand boulevards and public promenades, parks and plazas will extend the existing neighborhood fabric and the Monumental Core to the waterfront and serve as a gateway to the greater Anacostia Riverpark system.



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